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TAGS: PEPR, PCAT, MASS, LY, FR

SUBJ: FRENCH MILITARY AIRCRAFT SALE TO LIBYA

REF: STATE 24253

1. IN PRIVATE LUNCHEON CONVERSATIONS ON JANUARY 31 AND FEBRUARY 1, THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE FRENCH TRANSALL SALES TO LIBYA WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL SOUTOU AND DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR PAGNIEZ RESPECTIVELY. NOTING OUR OPPOSITION TO SUCH SALES TO LIBYA AND THAT WE HAD TURNED DOWN AN ITALIAN REQUEST TO SELL G-222 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TO LIBYA, HE ASKED FOR COMMENT ON THE ITALIAN CLAIM THAT THE FRENCH WERE PREPARED TO SELL TRANSALLS IF THE US DID NOT APPROVE THE ITALIAN SALE. BOTH SOUTOU AND PAGNIEZ SAID THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT SUCH A POSSIBLE SALE, BUT UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND INFORM US.

2. ALSO ON FEBRUARY 1 WE MADE A MORE FORMAL DEMARCHE TO THE QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AFRICA, TRISTAN D'ALBIS. D'ALBIS SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT THE LIBYANS HAD MADE A MORE OR LESS PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING TRANSALLS. HE SAID THAT HE

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KNEW THAT NO DECISION TO SELL THE PLANES HAD BEEN MADE BUT BEYOND THAT HE WAS UNINFORMED. HE UNDERTOOK TO OBTAIN A REPLY TO OUR DEMARCHE.

3. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO ROME AND TRIPOLI.  
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